

5 A printed page tag encoder has an input at which to receive a tag structure template, an input at which to receive fixed data bits, an input at which to receive variable data bit records, and a tag dot generator outputting single bits depending on position in the tag defined by the tag structure template and said fixed and said variable data. The encoder additionally has a redundancy encoder for optionally encoding said fixed and/or said variable data. The redundancy encoder utilises Reed-Solomon encoding. Tags are placed regularly on a page and ideally in a triangular grid.

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